

15.12 hrs.

(Mr. Speaker *in the Chair*)

OBSERVATION BY THE SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: It is the Parliament of India to which we are all proud to belong to.

. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seats.

I was not here when some incident happened but I had the occasion to see the television footage on this. I have also heard on the Television what the hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs has said. This is not a question - so far as the Chair is concerned - of trying to create complications for the running of the House. But, I can only say that - because it has been attributed to me that I have taken a decision on the basis of my political affiliation - I wish to strongly refute it. Such remarks are totally uncalled for, unjustified and extremely condemnable, and I condemn it very much.

Secondly, I have no manner of doubt that every section of the House will strongly condemn the way it has been done. I do not know whether all the hon. Leaders were present, or all the hon. Members were present, but I have just now seen what has happened. I am not standing in the way; I want the House to run normally. I was very happy; I have been repeatedly extending my sincere thanks and gratitude to all of you for very orderly conduct of the proceedings that have been going on. We have had very important discussions of very high order, and everybody felt happy and I felt proud that such excellent discussions are going on in this House on various issues. If an hon. Member is aggrieved about some decision of the Chair - I have said repeatedly - there are methods of getting that matter rectified or cured. If we, today, behave in a manner which shows to the world at large that even the Chair is not protected, then this is a very very sad day. I hope every section of the House agrees with this. On that basis - of

course it is for the hon. Member to decide whether he or she would tender an apology or not - I am not insisting on it myself sitting on the Chair.

. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: It will be the Member's decision and that will add to the stature of the Member if the Member does that.

Secondly, I ought to inform the hon. House that a letter has been received by me just before this from the officer of the House, which is addressed to the hon. Deputy Speaker, in which the hon. Member concerned has tendered resignation. But I wish to announce that it is not a proper letter of resignation. The Constitution requires that it has to be submitted in a proper form. Therefore, I am not treating it as a letter of resignation.

(Interruptions) .*

MR. SPEAKER: That interruption will not be recorded.

* Not Recorded.

Please allow me to conduct. I am not treating it as a letter of resignation. I want her to come back and take part in it. But I am sure, as a responsible leader of this country and as a hon. Member of this House, she will feel inclined herself to say something about her conduct.

Now, Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra.

. (Interruptions)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप छोड़िये उस बात को।

...(व्यवधान)

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL (HOOGHLY): Sir, we agree to what has been said there. It is not a party matter. . (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Rupchand Pal, please sit down. Md. Salim, please sit down.

. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I have already asked them to sit down. Why are you getting up? Please go to your seat before you say anything.

. (Interruptions)

MD. SALIM (CALCUTTA - NORTH EAST): Sir, if a remark is there, you can expunge it. But it is an action on the part of the Member, which is denigrating. . (Interruptions) A Member cannot do it. . (Interruptions)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप लोग बैठिये।

...(व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: You are not the Speaker. You are developing this habit. Is it your seat? Please go to your seat.

. (Interruptions)

प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा : कोई भी अपनी सीट पर नहीं है। .(व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: You do not compare with others. Please do not try to tell me. He is in his seat.

. (Interruptions)

प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा : अध्यक्ष जी, इनमें से कौन अपनी सीट पर हैं? .(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप बैठिये। आप अपनी सीट पर जाइए।

...(व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: You go back to your seats.

. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Very well, I will not allow any more discussion. I will adjourn the House and go away.

. (Interruptions)

MD. SALIM : Sir, there are certain things, which cannot be divided on party lines.

. (Interruptions) इनडिविजुअल मैम्बर के कंडक्ट की जिम्मेदारी कौन लेगा?.(व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister has said it. I have made some observation.

. (Interruptions)

श्री देवेन्द्र प्रसाद यादव (झंझारपुर) : यह पार्टी और दल का सवाल नहीं है, यह संसद की गरिमा का सवाल है। .(व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Devendra Prasad Yadav, please sit down. Only Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra's statement will be recorded.

(Interruptions)* .

MR. SPEAKER: All unparliamentary observations will be deleted from the records.

. (Interruptions)

MD. SALIM : What about unparliamentary gestures? . (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Md. Salim, I am on my legs. I am requesting all of you all to sit down. Let us forget this Chapter and go back to our position where we have been doing the business.

. (Interruptions)

* Not Recorded.

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing is being recorded.

(Interruptions) .*

MR. SPEAKER: Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan, you do not support this. Please sit down. गलत काम को सपोर्ट मत कीजिए।

...(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप बैठ जाइए।

. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Md. Salim, please sit down. All of you, please take your seats.

. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra, please begin. It is a very important subject concerning the country. I have allowed this.

. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Karunakaran, I request you to please co-operate with the Chair. That will add to your stature. If you co-operate with the Chair, that will add to your stature.

. (Interruptions)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप बैठ जाइए। श्री मल्होत्रा जी आप बोलना शुरू कीजिए।

प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा : अध्यक्ष महोदय, (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: All of you are responding all the time to anything that is being said.

Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra, you begin.

. (Interruptions)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : The Leader of the House is here. He has the experience. *. (Interruptions)* Whenever any such incident took place in the past, the concerned Member had tendered his apology. *. (Interruptions)* Why it is not happening in this case?. *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: On behalf of the Government, the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs had already made the statement.

. (Interruptions)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : She should tender her apology.. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Regarding insult to the Chair, it is being treated as an insult. Condemnation has been made. Now if the business is conducted by expressing our grave condemnation, as has already been done, I think it will add to the stature and keep the status of the House properly.

प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा : महोदय, जिस तरह कुछ माननीय सदस्य बीच में बोलते हैं.(व्यवधान) What should we do? They are insulting you. All of them are insulting you. You have not condemned their action.. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: All of you, please sit down. Do not do anything which will give encouragement to him to say something.

Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra, please speak.

. (Interruptions)

DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME (BIRBHUM): It is very unfortunate.

MR. SPEAKER: Of course, it is unfortunate. Any further disruption will be more unfortunate. You leave it.

. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra, you are a veteran parliamentarian. You know well.

प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा : अध्यक्ष जी, सुबह से जो स्थिति यहां चल रही है, उसमें बोलना बहुत मशकिल हो रहा है।

MR. SPEAKER: That is also for introspection. As one of the most important leaders of the House, you should consider this.

प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा : आप देखिए, क्या हालत हो गई है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप मेहरबानी करके इश्यु को डिस्कस करने दीजिए। सबको कुछ-न-कुछ बोलना है।

. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Then you have to spend some time outside.

. (Interruptions)